

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, February 22, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2006 meeting.

Representative Vander Veen supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5606 before the committee.

HB 5606 Palmer Education; graduation requirements; curriculum requirements for high school graduation; prescribe.

Representative Meyer moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 5606.

Representative Gosselin supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 16-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Clack and Polidori,

Nays: Representative Vagnozzi,

Pass: None.

Mike Chapo and Andy Frisch, representing Farwell Area Schools and the Farwell Education Association, testified in support of the concept and expressed concerns with HB 5606.

Sharif Shakrani, professor at Michigan State University, testified in support of the concept and expressed concerns with HB 5606.*

Howard Hipes, representing the Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers Training Center, testified in support of HB 5606.

Due to time, the following people were not able to speak and opposed HB 5606:

Lisa Menerick, representing Muskegon Heights High School,
Pam Dosenberry, representing Mount Pleasant Public Schools,
Rosa Johnson, representing Mount Pleasant Public Schools.

Kevin Howard, representing himself, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on HB 5606, but was not able to speak due to time.

Due to time, the following people were not able to speak and supported HB 5606:

Jim Ballard, representing Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals,
Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards,
Kim Bowen, representing Northwest High School in Jackson.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:30 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
February 22, 2006
2 hours

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.